

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA - 626
14210 Phoenix Avenue
Phoenix, Baltimore County
Ca. 1850
Private

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The circa 1850 vernacular house fronts east with a low hedge to the east and north. The original portion of the two-and-a-half story house has a random rubble stone foundation and structural system, a side gable, asphalt shingle roof, and a boxed cornice with vinyl returns. Two 2/2 windows pierce the first story, and the second story is pierced by three 2/2 windows. All of the windows have square-edged sills and surrounds with lug lintels. This three-bay wide house has a central entry with a single-leaf, six-paneled, wood door. There are two interior end brick chimneys that have been rebuilt. Circa 1880, the center gable addition was constructed in the Gothic Revival-style with variegated wood shingle cladding and round-arched, four-light casement window. On the rear of the dwelling, there is a two-story, circa 1880 addition in the Italianate style with scroll-sawn brackets and asbestos shingle cladding. The porch, which is not original to the house, is one-story high and one-bay wide with a half-hipped roof and square posts.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 626

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Lins House

2. Location

street and number 14210 Phoenix Avenue

not for publication

city, town Phoenix

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary Frances Fox Lins

street and number 14210 Phoenix Avenue

telephone Not Available

city, town Phoenix

state MD

zip code 21131-1014

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 13784 folio 442

city, town Towson

tax map 34

tax parcel 170

tax ID number 0812041190

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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To the west of the house there is a circa 1950 concrete block garage with a corrugated metal shed roof and two roll-up, metal doors. Also, to the south of the building there is a turn-of-the-20th-century iron water pump with a long handle.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1850 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1850 ca., 1880 ca.		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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When constructed, the dwelling exemplified the early to mid- 19th century vernacular buildings in Baltimore County. Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.⁶ Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 880.

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 880.

⁴ S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 45.

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

⁶ Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Less Than One Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Phoenix Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The building is located in the town of Phoenix on less than one acre known as tax parcel 170 of map 34 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office. It has been associated with this location on 14210 Phoenix Avenue in Phoenix in the Eighth District of Baltimore County since its construction circa 1850.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 17, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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USGS Quad: PHOENIX
Scale: 1:24,000



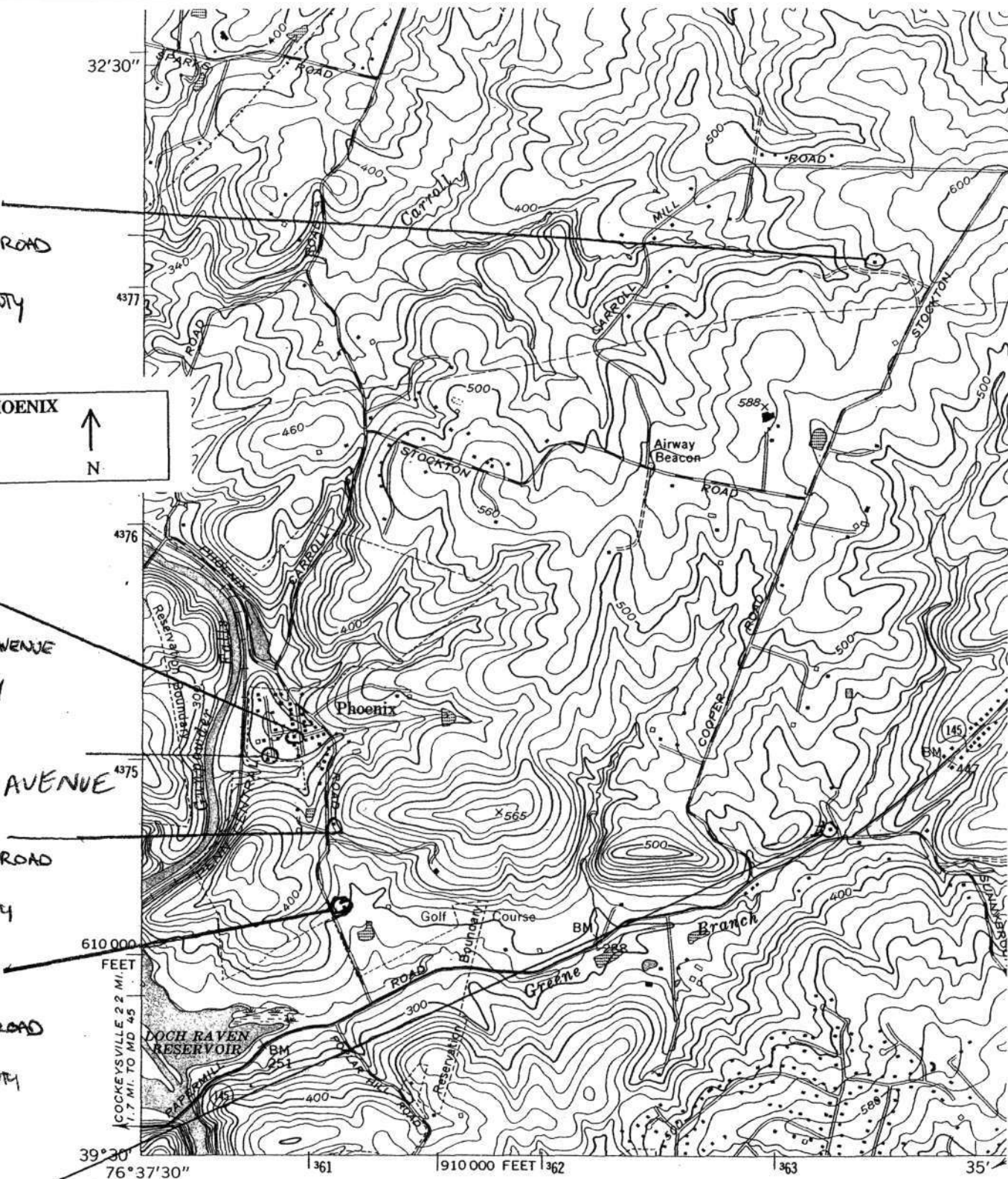
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BA-799
120 MOUNT AVENUE

BA-6349
14133 PHOENIX ROAD
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BA-0531
2524 PAPER-MILL ROAD
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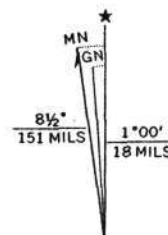
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Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This
information not field checked.



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1850-1875

Lins House

SW corner of Phoenix and Maryland Avenues

Phoenix

Shown as J. Royston's in the 1877 atlas, this was the dwelling of a family farm before the town of Phoenix expanded. The two story stone house in vernacular style has a small cross gable on a gable roof covered with composition material. There are two interior brick chimneys in the ends of the building, and a two-story flat-roofed frame addition at the rear. The building rests on a stone foundation, and was in good condition in 1980. The owner was listed as Herman R. Lins.